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I was impressed by the fact that they grew in among thousands of the regular type of this fern, but there was no indication of any cutting having been done for years at that particular location. I said right away that these specimens could not have been the result of damage or cutting. As far as my observation goes, these are the only specimens I have gathered that do not appear to have been formed by injury to early plants. I feel very sure these could not have been the result of such early cutting or injury."

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### American Fern Society

A joint meeting of American Fern Society members and members of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held in the rooms of the latter organization in the Tremont Building, Boston, during the day and evening of May 12th. Ferns were exhibited by Mr. R. A. Ware, of Boston; Miss Stella May, of Gloucester; Miss M. A. Marshall, of Still River; and Miss F. E. Corne, of Cambridge.

At the evening session the principal speakers were Prof. Geo. F. Freeman, University of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz., and Prof. Frederic K. Butters, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn. As Mr. Rugg was down from Dartmouth College, at least four states were represented. Prof. Freeman gave a very entertaining as well as instructive talk on "Some Natural Features of the State of Arizona." Prof. Butters spoke on the Lady Fern and illustrated by numerous specimens the various forms that are grouped under this common name. Prof. Butters has made a careful study of this group as it is represented in the different parts of North America, and has reached several conclusions which are new and interesting. E. J. Winslow exhibited speci-

mens and spoke briefly on some new species and varieties recently published in *Rhodora*.

The meeting was arranged by Mr. Ware, to whom thanks are due for a meeting that was exceedingly interesting and profitable in spite of the fact that the more popular parade in honor of General Joffre made travel through the streets of Boston somewhat difficult.

E. J. WINSLOW.

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Mrs. Ella J. C. Hurd died in April at Daytona, Fla., aged 74 years. It had been her habit to divide the year among Florida, Washington, D. C., Huntington, L. I., and Hartland, Vt. Natural history was among her dearest interests and she did much to encourage the study of it by others. She is said to have started fern study at Hartland (where, it will be remembered, the first Vermont station for the male fern was discovered), by her example and the loan of books; and she made valuable gifts of books and specimens to the local nature club. She bequeathed her old house at Huntington, L. I., where she was born, to the local historical society. One room in it is to be used as a natural history museum, and the nucleus of its collections will be some 200 specimens of butterflies which she herself had collected and in the mounting of which she did exquisite work.

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Wanted to exchange *Blechnum brasiliense*, *Cyrtomium falcatum*, *Pteris Wimsettii*, *Dryopteris mollis*, *Trichomanes Petersii*, *Tr. radicans*, *Asplenium Bradleyi*, *A. pinnatifidum*, *Adiantum Capillus-Veneris*, and other ferns and orchids from the Southeastern United States for European, African, or Japanese ferns—herbarium specimens. Also have old volumes of *Bird Lore* to sell or exchange for fern literature.—E. W. Graves, Long Island, Ala.

## New members:

- Bates, Miss Ethel, South Royalston, Mass.  
Butters, Prof. Frederic K., University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Child, W. A., 389 Hess St., S. Hamilton, Ontario.  
Clarkson, E. H., 41 Tyng St., Newburyport, Mass.  
Lewis, Rev. Charles Smith, St. Mary's Rectory, Burlington, N. J.  
McColl, W. R., Owen Sound, Ontario.  
Scott, Mrs. Willard, 489 Washington St., Brookline, Mass.

## Changes of address:

- Greene, F. C., 30 North Yorktown St., Tulsa, Okla.  
Wertsner, Clayton S., 11th and Race Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.
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Through an exchange, the Society has just acquired a nearly complete set of the *Philippine Journal of Science*, Section C, Botany. This set contains a number of articles on tropical ferns by Dr. E. B. Copeland, and—with certain restrictions, since it is not yet bound—is available for lending to members. The missing numbers are: Vol. 2, no. 6; Vol. 6, no. 1; and Vol. 7, nos. 1-3. The Secretary will be obliged to any one who can tell him where these numbers can be procured.

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President Palmer has appointed the following committee to nominate officers for 1918: Chairman, Mr. C. H. Bissell, Southington, Conn., Mr. Robert A. Ware and Dr. Philip Dowell. All concerned are reminded that independent nominations made by any three members in good standing and sent to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee before August 20th, will be placed on the official ballot.